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NEW JERSEY'S SMALL BUSINESSES TO BENEFIT FROM FOREIGN AID

by Sandra Wright

NEWARK—The U.S. foreign aid program has been the focus of much attention recently in both houses of Congress have proposed bills which would cut foreign aid spending by as much as one-third. At its current level, foreign aid represents less than one percent of the federal budget.

As part of Vice President Al Gore's "reinvesting government" initiative, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a federal agency responsible for economic and humanitarian assistance programs in over 80 countries worldwide, has reformed its procurement process to include New Jersey's economic structure. USAID currently has over \$70 million in on-going

grants and contracts with New Jersey-based companies, universities, and charitable organizations.

At a Friday, May 26 briefing of small business owners in Newark, the organization's assistant administrator for management, Larry Byrne, informed entrepreneurs that there is a lucrative relationship awaiting them in international trade with the assistance of USAID.

"What we try to do is to make it easier for small businesses to deal with us," stated Byrne. "Both in terms of actually contracting with us and encouraging them to get into export businesses by telling them about opportunities, not necessarily with us, but with countries that are looking for people to make that marriage happen."

According to USAID, close to 80 percent of its contracts and grants flow back to American firms. Shipping contracts, technical expertise, supplies and agricultural products have allowed for economic benefit in America. USAID programs in Egypt and Jordan financed \$16,556,091 in purchases from New Jersey companies in Fiscal Year '93 and \$24,333,113 in purchases from New Jersey companies in Fiscal Year '94. Also in 1994, USAID sponsored 76 foreign participants' training at



Congressman Donald Payne

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Segregation today tomorrow and forever

by Alabama Governor George C. Wallace

WASHINGTON—May 17th was the 41st anniversary of the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education school desegregation case. Thurgood Marshall argued for the legal principle of "equal protection under the law" and overturned the 5-year-old legal principle of "separate but equal" established in the Plessy v. Ferguson case of 1896.

The court held that separate but equal was inherently unequal. What did inherently unequal mean? Did it mean that African-American education was inherently inferior to white education? No! Did mean that white education was inherently superior to black education? No!

The court meant that the "separate but equal" doctrine in Plessy contained two inherent contradictions. First, it meant that two educational systems were truly equal, why would they need to be separate? Did it mean that African-American education was inherently inferior to white education? No! Did mean that white education was inherently superior to black education? No!

Among the study's findings were: (1) In eight of twelve states, fewer than ten percent of black freshmen were enrolled in their state's largest and most prestigious institutions. Most Black and Hispanic are underrepresented among bachelor's degree recipients.

Steele argues GOP plans for D.M.V. will eliminate jobs

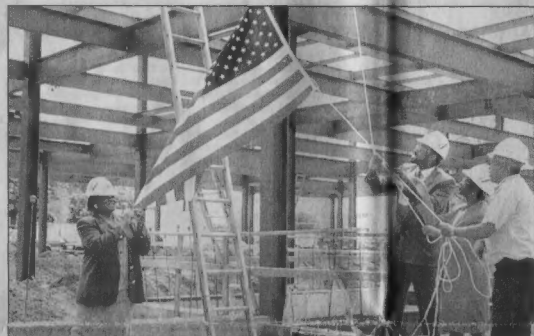
SOUTH ORANGE—Candidate for State Assembly, Michael G. Steele criticized the Whitman administration plans for privatizing the Department of Motor Vehicle inspection services as "once again, another example of the disregard the Republican controlled government has shown for working class people."

Steele, former mayor of Irvington, who is running for the Assembly in the June 6 Democratic primary with incumbent Assemblyman Harry McEnroe and the incumbent county clerk Patricia McGarry Drake, said: "The overall plan for change in the DMV reeks of manipulation. If carried out, privatization will cause heavy job losses for the men and women who are presently employed and working at state inspection stations and offices."

"If the Governor has her way, these facilities will be operated by the politically favored without any guarantee to re-hire workers who have been let go. Neither is there any guarantee that if re-hired, workers salaries will be maintained, or cut drastically."

Steele says the decision to privatize DMV could not only result in job losses but a loss of their health insurance as well. Steele also said that he saw privatization as developing "a whole new patronage pipeline that runs throughout government," while at the same time weakening the impact of union bargaining in wage and benefit issues.

Topping the steel



The Board of Directors of Plainfield Neighborhood Health Services Corporation is proud to announce the "topping of the steel" on the construction of its new \$16 million health project. Construction began in February, 1995 and is expected to be completed in April of 1996. The new facility will house the primary medical and dental services of the Plainfield Health Center and Plainfield Women's Center. Over 14,000 men, women and children receive primary medical and dental care at the center each year. Pictured are (l to r) City Council President Helen Miller, Plainfield Health Center Chairman Ronald West, Executive Director of Plainfield Health Center Juliane Miller and Construction Superintendent Donald Dean.

COMMENTARY

Can black crime bring conservative & liberal blacks together?

by Maurice A. Dawkins

"When we all get together what a day of rejoicing it will be" was the key line in a hymn we used to sing in Sunday School about heaven. When Jesse Jackson unveiled his plan to work through the black churches to take on the problem of gun warfare, random killings, gun-toting youth and violence in the streets and schools in the black community, he hit the right target.

When Ben Chavis went to the summit meeting of violent youth gangs containing his United Church of Christ outreach mission to change the minds and behavior of young black males, he touched the right nerve.

When T. Willard Fair, former mayoral candidate of Miami, says the civil rights revolution now has to be followed by a child development revolution...he focuses on the right

crisis. When Bob Woodson, grass roots organizer in America's housing projects and urban neighborhoods dramatically describes the fears of a man walking through a ghetto street suddenly surrounded by six young black men, he pictures the problem in the right way.

Whether it is Operation PUSH, the NAACP, the Urban League, the YMCA, TRIP, People Against Crime, Neighborhood Empowerment, or any other civic minded leadership such as black conservatives, i.e. Tony Brown, Tom Sowell, the Rev. E. V. Hill or Armstrong Williams etc. this is a problem that our people must face honestly, tackle quickly and solve immediately, together.

If it is true that God helps those who help themselves, it was just thinking, "Black Americans should adopt the late Dr. Rolark's Black United

Fund slogan "The only people who can save us for us is us."

That is why I was so impressed at the Black-on-Black Crime summit in Miami, which was co-sponsored by the Florida Office of Attorney General Janet Reno and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

As I listened in amazement to the Police Chief of Charleston, South Carolina advocating a return to the lynch laws that worked so well for 60 years in this country, I realized that we need to go back to what worked when my generation was growing up. The truancy officers didn't need any big budgets because the kids were either in school or at home. If they weren't, the truancy "law" picked them up and took them there.

I served briefly as a truancy officer in Harlem where we had teenage

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Genesis festival opens with poet laureate Rita Dove

by Sherry Burras



Poet Laureate Rita Dove

NEW BRUNSWICK—I call it how I see it. Anytime a theater company opens their annual celebration of the arts with the never-before-seen work of the Poet Laureate of the United States, Rita Dove, I'd call it an event you'd be sorry you missed.

It was truly "A Celebration of New Voices in African-American Theater" as the theme and mission of the sixth annual Genesis 1995 festival at the Crossroads Theater suggested. Opening this theatrical madness was Rita Dove, with her latest work *The Darker Face of The Earth*. The *Darker Face of The Earth* is an intriguing composition of Greek

tragedy and African-American history. With its base in the Greek tragedy of *Oedipus the King*, the story of a man whose fate was predetermined—he would marry his mother and kill his father (unknowningly). *The Darker Face of The Earth* unfolds not in Oedipus' homeland of Thebes but on a South Carolina plantation just after the Civil War.

The play centers around the life of Augustus Newkiss who at birth was abandoned by his parents because he was prophesied to be "nothing but trouble," especially since his mother was the plantation mistress and his father a slave. Augustus is

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Africa's health concerns discussed at Summit

By Dorothy Leavell
Publisher, Chicago & Gary Crusader

Is there somebody out there trying to get you?

This question was never presented in open discussions at the Third African-American American Summit held recently in Senegal, West Africa, but it was whispered in corners by more than a few delegates to this meeting of the world's leading blacks as they discussed health problems confronting Africa.

The issue that came up in discussion after discussion was the fact that virus after virus is devastating the African continent. At the third gathering of leading black experts in various professions in a summit addressing their own issues, one of the major health concerns discussed in workshops was HIV/AIDS. Meanwhile, another health epidemic, the Ebola virus, was gathering steam, taking scores of lives for the third time in the Central African country of Zaire.

Reports to Summit delegates revealed that if somebody is not out there to "get" blacks in the traditional sense, AIDS and the HIV virus is doing a good job for them.

HIV/AIDS is increasing in Africa at an alarming rate. A study by the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that at least 2.5 million sub-Saharan Africans are infected with the HIV virus.

Doctors from America and Africa discussed in depth the issue of HIV/AIDS at the Summit and developed a black-oriented strategy for con-

tainment and stronger commitments from governments to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in African countries.

Physicians at the Summit estimated that in Africa 80 percent of the HIV/AIDS cases are heterosexual, with 20 percent vertical transmission spread from mother to child. A major problem is orphaned children as a result of the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Ebola is a virus that can almost overshadow the dreaded HIV. The current epidemic started in Kikwit, Zaire, a small town of 600,000 located 370 miles east of the capital city of Kinshasa. Ebola has no vaccine or known cure.

Symptoms include blood poisoning from any orifice in the human body, eye, ears, and nose of the victims, along with violent vomiting and diarrhea. With Ebola death comes within days. It kills about 80 percent of its victims.

In Senegal's capital city, Dakar, and around the world, many question many blacks are asking is, "Why Africa again?" Blacks in Africa and in the Diaspora who are concerned about their kin on the planet are currently wondering what there is about the African continent that makes it the birthplace of so many atrocities—from HIV/AIDS and Ebola to the so-called "Africanized" killer bees?

An editorial in the *Chicago Crusader* illustrated the concern many blacks are experiencing about the health of themselves and

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United Way honors celebrity readers



On Thursday, May 25 the United Way honored over 400 volunteer celebrity readers. Among the honorees were Connie Woodruff and City News for continued support of the program. Pictured (l to r) Connie Woodruff, City News columnist: Gail Moore, United Way VP, marketing and Resources Development; Earl Santana, Channel 47 news anchor; Henry C. Johnson, Publisher of City News Publishing Co.; (Rear) Reggie Harris, channel 2 news anchor and chairman of the Celebrity Read Program.

PEOPLE

Community Calendar

NOW THRU JUNE 15

EAST ORANGE—Kindergarten Registration at the East Orange Public Schools from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-286-5745.

NOW THRU JUNE 4

NEW BRUNSWICK—Sixth Annual Genesis Festival to feature drama, poetry, and music at Crossroads. For more info call 908-249-5550.

NEWARK—City-wide carnival celebration at Broad and South Streets from 11 p.m. weekdays, and 2 to 11 p.m. weekend.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

PLAINFIELD—Planned Senior Citizens Service Center bus trip to a tour of the Senior Citizen Art Show at 1:00 p.m. For more info call 908-753-3595.

NEWARK—Candidate forum for 28th and 29th assembly district elections at the Newark Public Library at 6 p.m. For more info call 201-923-8024.

HACKENSACK—Dating Abuse for Parents and Teens' workshop at the Career and Life Counseling Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 3345.

CHESTER, NJ—Submission deadline for miniature painting and sculpture entitled "Beyond Earth: Visions and Ethereal Art" at the Artists Showcase at Chester. Call 908-879-9552.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

BELLE MEAD—"Mid-Life Challenges for Men" at the Carver Foundation at noon. For more info call 908-281-1461.

JUNE 1, 2

NEWARK—"Africanus The King" written and directed by Kabu Okai-Davies at the African Globe Theatre Works at

7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-624-1584.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

WESTFIELD—"The Joy of Wellness—The Healthy Management of Stress" at the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-233-8810.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

WATCHUNG—"Photo Tinting Workshop: The Rise and Fall of New York City" at the Watchung Arts Center at 9 a.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

NEWARK—"Brother Can You Spare A Dime?" convocation for government support of the arts at Symphony Hall at 5:30 p.m. Call 201-596-0087.

NEW BRUNSWICK—"Servant of the People: The Rise and Fall of New York City" at the Crossroads Theater at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-249-5550.

SOMERVILLE—"Pop Extravaganza" concert at Raritan Valley Community College at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-723-3420.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

NEWARK—"Annual Antique Fire Apparatus Muster and Parade" at the Newark Museum from noon to 4:30 p.m. For more info call 201-586-5550.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

JERSEY CITY—"Woman Raising Your Self-Esteem" and "Legal Education Night" discussions at Jersey City State College. Call 201-200-3189.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

JERSEY CITY—"Spring into Action: Get the Lead Out" exercise session from 1 to 2 p.m. at Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-200-

Sen. Lipman to be inducted into Democratic Hall of Fame



Senator Wynona Lipman

NEWARK—New Jersey State Senator, Wynona Lipman is among the four New Jersey politicians who have been selected to be inducted into the Essex County Democratic Hall of Fame.

The other inductees include:

Orange Mayor Robert Brown selected for national program on City Design

ORANGE—The Honorable Robert Brown, Mayor of the city of Orange recently served as one of seven U.S. mayors who participated in an April meeting of the National Endowment for the Arts National Mayors' Institute on City Design.

Co-sponsored by Morgan State University and the University of

Raymond M. Durkin, former Essex County Democratic chairman; Kenneth A. Gibson, former Mayor of Newark; and Carmen A. Orechio, mayor of Nutley.

Induction ceremonies will take place on Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

Essex County Democratic chairman, Thomas P. Giblin stated, "All of these honorees have committed many years of service and dedication to our party and are most deserving of this recognition."

Durkin served as Essex County Democratic Chairman for five years.

Senator Lipman, a former Essex County freholder, has served her district as senator for 24 consecutive years since she was elected in 1971.

Orechio, mayor of Nutley and member of Nutley Town Commission since 1968, served as New Jersey State Senate president, served as senator from 1978 to 1991, and served as acting governor in 1983, 1985 and 1988.

Gibson served as mayor of Newark for 16 years from 1970 to 1986.

Mayland at College Park, the Mayors' Institute offers a select number of city leaders the opportunity to increase their knowledge and explore ways to revitalize their cities.

The design issue presented before the committee for Orange was the redevelopment of the Orange train station at Tony Galento Plaza into an

Did You Know?

by Robert M. Taylor

...that according to a recent study, the times of the day you are most likely to be hit by a car driven by a sleepy driver are 2 a.m., 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.

...that according to an article in *Men's Health* magazine, the average American has a circle of four close friends. But, as a nation, we appear to be getting less friendly. In 1983, for example, the average American had 5.4 close friends.

...that a health practice most Americans should adopt is to periodically check your pulse, especially shortly after getting up in the morning. The rule of thumb is that the lower your heart rate the better, because a rapid pulse means the heart is having to work too hard to pump blood through your body. If your pulse is 70 beats per minute or less, that's good. If it is higher than that on a consistent basis, that's bad.

...that according to the latest government reports, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer in America. Labor Secretary Robert Reich reported last week that "virtually all" of the increase in average family income since 1978 has gone to the top 20 percent of the population while the bottom 20 percent has actually lost 15 percent of its average family income.

...that this week's favorite quote comes from motivational expert Anthony Robbins: "The secret to controlling procrastination is setting goals that are exciting enough that they truly inspire your creativity and ignite your passion."

intermodal hub.

"The Orange train station is a focal point in the redevelopment of the central Orange business district. The redevelopment of the train station is critical in the process of upgrading our town... A plan to redesign the downtown Main Street business district will begin this summer," said Mayor Brown.

Brown stated that he is considering some of the options presented at the Mayors Institute on city design for a full scale uplift of the plaza.



Orange Mayor Robert Brown

Arnold Rampersad to receive honorary degree

BLOOMFIELD—Arnold Rampersad of Princeton, director of the American Studies and Afro-American Studies Programs and Woodrow Wilson Professor of Literature at Princeton University, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Bloomfield College's 122nd Commencement on May 25. Dr. Rampersad is being recognized for his distinguished scholarship and the extraordinary contributions he has made in the fields of education and literature. Dr. Rampersad has authored many books including *The Life of Langston Hughes*, *The Art and Imagination of W.E.B. DuBois* and *Days of Grace: A Memoir*, co-authored with Arthur Ashe.



Girl Scout elects new board members

MONTCLAIR—The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County has announced their board member selections based on a three year term.

Edna Y. Baugh of East Orange has been elected president of the council's Board of Directors. Baugh is the first African American elected to this position.

Lynda Thornes of Newark was elected as first vice president of the council's Board of Directors. Thornes is an affirmative action manager for the mayor's office in Newark.

Eletia Dianne Baldwin of Hillside has been elected to the council's Board of Directors. Baldwin, a former Girl Scout, is an audit staff assistant for Arthur Andersen L.P. Newark.

Pat Williams of Newark was elected to the council's nominating committee. Baugh, Thornes and Baldwin will be responsible for directing policies affecting programs and opportunities for girls ages 5-17 residing in Essex County, Summit and New

Providence.

Williams will be responsible for identifying potential candidates to serve on board appointed committees and task groups addressing key issues related to the Girl Scout Council's policies and operations.

The Girl Scout Council also recognized six volunteers for their efforts on behalf of girl scouting in Newark and a senior Girl Scout at the organization's May 11 annual meeting and recognition program.

Receiving Outstanding Leader Pins were **Maria Martinis**, **Patricia Caldwell** and **Shirley Brown**. Outstanding Volunteer Pins were given to **Gail Maynor** and **Carolyn Davis**.

Senator Wynona Lipman received the Community Award for her outstanding contributions to the council. Senator Lipman is the Honorary Chair for the 1994 Friends of Girl Scouting Annual Campaign. Also receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award was **Amie Figueredo**, a member of Senior Girl Scout troop #926.



Edna Y. Baugh



Pat Williams



Eletia Dianne Baldwin



Lynda Thornes

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EDITORIAL

Investing in the inner city The Competitive Advantage

Jobs, investments, and businesses in our inner cities must happen because of the competitive advantages of the cities, according to Harvard Professor, Dr. Michael Porter, writing for a special issue of *INC* Magazine. Likewise, he argues that inner cities must sustain profitable companies, capable not only of serving the local community but also of "exporting" beyond it.

According to Porter, past attempts at inner-city revitalization have failed because they ignored basic economic principles that inner city businesses must be genuinely profitable and capable of competing on a regional, national and even international scale. He suggests that "past attempts at inner city revitalization had a focus on trying to meet highly visible social needs—poverty, homelessness, and hunger—with programs such as income assistance, housing subsidies and food stamps, while they ignored the need to build viable inner city businesses. The revitalization did not take root because without economically viable companies the only growth social programs promote is their own." "Today," he urges, "is the right time for a dramatic reversal of inner-city decline."

We agree with professor Porter. It is time that New Jersey commit to building an economic base in the cities of this state that is based on accomplishing an economic mission first. We believe that utilizing the "untapped economic and entrepreneurial potential" of the cities as the base for revitalization will reduce many of the social problems that now plague most major cities.

Likewise we agree with professor Porter that the issue is not a redistribution of wealth but rather we must focus on how to create wealth.

PASTOR'S WORD

Clergy supports Fisher for Assembly seat

by the Rev. Reginald T. Jackson
and the Rev. Rainald S. Wheeler

On Tuesday, June 6 voters across the state will go to the polls to select party nominees for the fall elections. As is the usual case, the Democratic party in Essex County will field the most closely watched primary contest.

One of the most closely watched primaries will be for the Assembly seat in the 29th district. The incumbents in those districts are Willie Brown, the senior member of the Assembly and Jackie Mattison, who also serves as the chief of staff to Newark Mayor Sharpe James. Both of these incumbents are running on the party line in other words with the backing of the party organization. The other candidate is Lee Fisher, coordinator of Essex County Youth Services Commission and a Democratic district leader.

There is much sentiment among Democratic party leaders to dump both Brown and Mattison. The primary reason they are on the "party line" is because of the instance of Mayor James, not because of any strong endorsement from party leaders.

Many wanted Brown dropped from the ticket because of his active support of the Republican Senate candidate, Assembly Speaker Chuck Haysman. While Brown is the South Ward chairman and a Democrat, that should not be the reason for overriding reason to consider changing him. In fairness to Brown, how could the party leadership dump him for supporting a Republican, when many of them did the same thing supporting the Republican candidate for Essex County Executive. No, there must be more legitimate and substantive reasons for dropping Brown.

Then Mattison, some argue, should be dropped because of charges hanging over him in the ongoing probe of corruption in Newark and Essex County. Indications are that he is under very close scrutiny and could probably be indicted. But again this is only supposition, nothing factual, and there should be

legitimate and substantive reasons for changing Mattison.

The truth is there are a multitude, a flood of reasons legitimate and substantive reasons why both Brown and Mattison should not be changed. But rather than list them all, we'll just name one, perhaps the most important reason. They don't represent their constituents!!!

Their constituents are predominantly minorities, who struggle to make ends meet, provide for their children and work hard. At present that group of constituents are under assault in this state and country. The "Contract With America," the proposed balanced budget by 2002, challenges to affirmative action push for privatization which will cause many minorities to lose their jobs and benefits and a host of other challenges. What have Brown and Mattison said or done to defend or protect their constituents? Any district meetings to inform or explain to their constituents the consequences to them, any public positions taken, any leadership to block them in the Assembly?

With all that threatens their constituents, they have offered little or no leadership or direction. They are at a dead end and need to be changed. Both are good men but they have offered their constituents no leadership. They are just two of the party's "good ole boys."

Lee Fisher is a young energetic, articulate and experienced public servant. Well educated, politically astute, he offers the 29th district a good alternative. Essex County, Newark and the 29th district need new faces and new leadership. We do not need to keep sending people to Trenton because they've been there. We need to send people who are willing to stand up, speak up and champion the causes of their constituents.

We wholeheartedly and enthusiastically endorse Lee Fisher for the Assembly in the 29th district. The district gets two assemblypersons so we should be sending two. Brown or Mattison must be the other. But whatever you do, support and vote for Lee Fisher on June 6.

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PRINCE AS I SEE IT...

by Connie Woodruff

What is about political office that which one is elected or appointed that tends to turn mavericks into monsters who quickly forget how, and why they were designated to become "public servants" in the first place?

For years Hudson County, and particularly Jersey City, was the butt of bad jokes about corrupt politics. Now it's Essex County and Newark. Neither, say, nor office has spared the prying eye of state or federal investigators who have been probing the records of suspects for several years.

Freeholder Joseph Parlevocchio, a Democratic Party leader in Newark's East Ward was indicted last week, charged with mail fraud, money laundering and other crimes to hide his shipyard building which the Newark Board of Education said is a makeshift elementary school for 21 years.

The Mt. Pleasant Annex or the Robert Clemente Annex, was closed in June of 1994 and replaced with a new building at a nearby site. But before its closing, the Clemente Annex was a neighborhood eyesore described by irate parents as a crumbling, decrepit, former factory building for habitation and a health challenge to teachers and children.

A question unanswered to this day is, why the Newark Board of

Education spent more than \$2 million to lease the building from 1972 to 1994 when it could have purchased the building for approximately \$150,000 in the 1970's?

The indictment of Parlevocchio and his long-time friend and colleague, Alfonso (Al) Rossi, another Newark school principal, did not come as a surprise to inner city politicians. But few expected the pair to be charged with 41 counts by state and federal authorities.

A few weeks ago, both men retired from the school system and Parlevocchio was named to a \$91,000-a-year job as executive director of the Essex County Utilities Authority and is expected to start his new job on July 1.

However, county Republicans are on his case and County Executive Jim Treflinger has sent letters to the seven authority members urging them to delay hiring Parlevocchio until the charges against him are resolved in court.

Others who urge Parlevocchio to resign from his Freeholder's seat, although his county post is not related to his ownership of the building leased to the Newark Board of Education, are claiming he would be in a conflict of interest holding a Freeholder seat and working for the autonomous authority. Treflinger has warned Parlevocchio of his contract "would send a terrible message to the citizens (of Essex County)."

Freeholder Parlevocchio and

Rossi are slated to be arraigned in U.S. District Court Judge Wolin's court on Friday June 2 and are expected to plead not guilty.

Newark Superintendent of schools Eugene Campbell has put an end to speculation about his future; maintaining he is making no plans to leave Newark any time soon and is in for fighting the takeover for the long haul.

It is painful to watch the last grasping efforts of the Newark Board to contest any takeover action by the state Board of Education. But that is what the Newark Board decided to do at its last monthly meeting in May in an executive session resolution.

The resolution authorized the law firm of Brown & Brown to "take any and all action necessary" to contest Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz's May 19 decision which was to recommend an immediate takeover of the school district.

When the superintendent and board may not want to face the face of the teachers who are anxiously waiting for state intervention. Secretly they view Campbell's proposed reform effort as a "farce."

How can children barely functioning in reading and writing able to fulfill requirements to be bilingual, possess a knowledge of calculus and write a 225-page literature paper?

Some board members are comfortable with teachers who take their students to events like basketball

championships. This is great as a recreational outlet, but what good is that to the child's mind?

Nobody knows how the participants at the governor's recent conference on "diversity" were selected, but she probably got more than she bargained for when hundreds of union representatives and members showed up. Their agenda was definitely not focused on how to bring all the diverse, social and economic groups together in an effort to make New Jersey "one family."

These folks wanted only an explanation of what will happen to their jobs if certain governmental departments are privatized. There was a lot of crying and real agony as single heads of households envisioned their jobs being lost or salaries severely cut by non-governmental employers.

Many members of the African-American press who should be an integral part of any discussion on jobs being lost or salaries severely cut by non-governmental employers, were not invited to be participants or viewers.

Governor Whitman is alleged to have an ample number of advisors on African-American affairs. At least one of several of them should have enough clout to help her with any "oversight" problems that exist in the governor's office. It should be well for Mrs. Whitman to remember that was part of the problem between Gov. Florio and the African-American community.

How could we be afraid of a brother?

by Eunice Trotter

We all hear the stories of people becoming victims in senseless street robberies. But it doesn't really hit home until it happens to you. A few weeks ago, it happened to me.

I was in New York City where I lived for 12 years. It happened in Indianapolis, where people still fear their neighbors, where unemployment and drug abuse haven't yet reached the town.

I'd arrived at my mother's senior citizen apartment building when I saw him walking in the shadows. It was 2:15 a.m. I had parked my rental car, gathered a few items and placed my shoulder wallet strap over my neck, tucking the wallet under my jacket. The parking lot was dark and a security guard was on patrol.

Everything looked normal and safe. I stepped out of the car and began the 30-foot hike to the front door. Nervous, I took my hand off the door handle. I was just about to arrive at my mom's—it's our special signal. But this time—because it was so late—I opted not to do so. Instead, I decided to use my mom's door keys and slip quietly inside.

As I approached the building, he walked toward me. I could see then that he wasn't wearing a uniform; in other words, he wasn't a security guard. But I was already 10 feet from the door and 20 feet from the car. My heart started beating more quickly.

I wasn't genuinely afraid. After all, how could I be afraid of a brother? Still, I put my hand in my pocket as if I had a weapon. I knew the game; I'd heard the advice of police officers. Look him in the eye. No problem. Keep walking.

I held the front of my coat, pointing a silver pistol at my stomach. "Drop the bag, baby," he said.

"What?" I asked, amazed that I, Miss Streetwise, had walked into this situation.

"Drop the bag, baby," he repeated—stressing the "baby." You could tell he'd done this before. I held out my wallet. He snatched it and walked away with my money, my credit cards and my finger ring. Along with him went a piece of my sympathy and empathy for the plight of black men.

"At least let me keep my ID and pictures," I pleaded. "You can't use

any of that." "No," he answered.

The robber ran through an alley; I stood there watching, feeling helpless, violated, furious. There was no one within earshot. Not a police car, or a neighbor or a security guard in sight. I dashed inside and telephoned the police. Their response was extremely fast—but not fast enough. There was nothing they could do.

There was no trace of the robber. I had become another victim of black-on-black crime.

Later that day, after hours of listening to credit card companies, waiting in line to get a duplicate driver's license and combing the alley in a frustrating search for my wallet, anger turned to grief.

I felt sad—sad that our black communities have become hunting grounds, where honest people are prey to black criminals who steal from our homes, take our cars, rob us, kill us.

How can these brothers do this to their own? Looking through police computer mug shots of armed robbers, I was struck by the thought that many of the men had the same look: a menacing, angry glare. How diffi-

cult it must be for people of other races to have to distinguish one black face from another, when they have no feel for the various hues, hairstyles, lip and nose shapes of black people, I thought.

While many would say I was lucky to have emerged relatively unscathed, the emotional damage is deep. Indeed, I will never be the same again. And I'm not alone. Thousands of African Americans are victims of other African Americans every day throughout the country. And many, I am sure, feel like me.

We want beef-up police security in our neighborhoods. We want more attention focused on drug hot-spots and gangs. We want a reduction in informant programs that allow black criminals to go free to commit more crimes, so long as they give up others. We want relaxed gun laws that will allow law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their property, both at home and away from home.

Most of all, we want swift arrest, uncompromising prosecution and imprisonment. And yes, I write as a black woman.

Cold-hearted cutback threatens energy aid for needy

by Michael Baly

A highly effective program that helps low-income working people and older Americans to pay their energy bills during a financial crisis will be eliminated this year, if recent efforts in Congress succeed.

One of the two congressional committees that provides funding has decided to zero out the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program—called "LIEAP"—starting in October. This tragic decision would force more than 5 million households to live without heat during extreme weather, or turn to candles or other dangerous alternatives to light or heat their homes.

The House Appropriations Committee decided on March 2 to eliminate all \$1.3 billion in LIEAP funds for the 1995-96 heating and cooling seasons. Some legislators who voted for this cold-hearted cutback may believe, mistakenly, that the problem will simply go away. They are wrong. Elimination of LIEAP funding would affect all Americans, but would impose a particular burden on New England and Frost Belt states, where heat is not a luxury, but a necessity. Children of "working poor" families often suffer the most when their homes are not warm enough.

A 1992 study by Boston City Hospital found many children who entered the hospital emergency room after a severe cold spell were underweight, leading to the conclusion that

hundreds of families had cut back on food in order to warm their homes in winter. In addition, many LIEAP recipients are older Americans whose monthly Social Security checks can't cover a jump in utility bills during severe winter weather. LIEAP also provides fuel aid for cooling in warm weather climates, where heat stress can be a major health concern.

LIEAP works well. Most recipients do not receive any other forms of public assistance; instead, they are working, retired or disabled people with below poverty incomes who receive about \$200 to pay toward a natural gas, fuel oil or electricity bill that averages \$1,000. States have maximum flexibility to decide who is eligible. Local non-profit groups and community agencies—not civil servants in Washington—determine who will receive cash assistance.

The need for emergency energy assistance far outweighs private contributions. About \$20 million is donated, generously, to non-profit fuel funds each year. But these donations are dwarfed by a staggering need that only a national program can address: this year, with more than a billion dollar funding level, LIEAP can help only one of four families in need.

Many states prohibit natural gas and electric utilities from turning off service during cold weather, forcing utilities to absorb those costs. Unless the public can persuade Congress to

maintain funding for low-income energy assistance, local utilities may be forced to raise the monthly energy bills of families who can pay their

bills, since many state regulatory bodies that nonpayment of bills is just

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3

MONTCLAIR—Ninth annual "Teddy Bear Fair" at the Hilda School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 201-744-5734.

NEWARK—"Children's Fishing Day" from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 201-733-6454.

JUNE 3, 4

SAYREVILLE—"Pinochio" performed at Club Brier at 2 p.m. Call 908-277-3000.

JUNE 3, 4, 17 & 18

NEW YORK—"Billy The Kid" dance-musical at the Abrons Art Center 2 p.m. For more info call 212-598-0400.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

MOUNTAINSIDE—"Jello Eating Contest" at 3 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center. For more info call 908-654-9854.

Newark students attend Math Fair and Olympics

NEWARK—Newark students showcased a multitude of mathematics skills and talents at the district's Fifth Annual Math Fair and Olympics, May 17, on the campus of the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Nearly 2,000 Newark elementary and high school students from across the district participated in the two-part activity, designed to encourage students to explore math and recognize it as an enjoyable activity. The day-long Math Fair was a variety of displays, interactive projects and competitions centering on the theme, "Math In A Multicultural World," were featured.

Activities under the theme included "Looking for Symmetry in African, Ghanaian and Adinkra Symbols," "Learning Positive and Negative Numbers by Playing 'Dish—A Checkmate Game,'" and "Writing Numbers As Egyptian Numeration."

All entries were accompanied by an essay explaining its relationship to mathematics and the procedures used to construct the project. The displays were judged on the basis of effective development of the theme, creativity, relevance of the essay, appearance and accuracy.

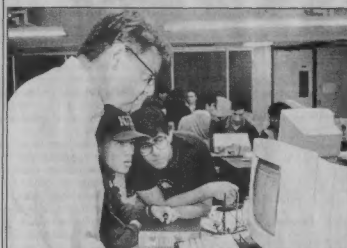
An awards ceremony for the winners will be held June 1, at the Board

headquarters. In addition to the fair, high school students and students from six elementary schools competed in the Math Olympics. High school students competed in the areas of Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry and trigonometry. First, second and third place awards will be given after the final competition.

The Math Fair and Olympics are both co-sponsored by the Newark Board of Education, the Panasonic Company and Newark Association of Math Educators (N.A.M.E.).

For additional information contact, Marion Bolden, director, Office of Mathematics at 733-7181.

Freshman physics get high-tech face lift at NJIT



Freshman Tam Nguyen of Deiran, NJ is enjoying the new lab. "It's fun experimenting with the computer and the other equipment and it makes the lab experiments a lot easier. It helps you understand more when you can see it on the computer screen," he said.

NEWARK—Conceptualizing the principles of physics can be difficult, but students at New Jersey Institute of Technology can now watch results of experiments unfold on a computer screen as they happen, thanks to new state-of-the-art equipment in the Freshman Physics Laboratory.

The laboratory component of the freshman physics curriculum has been redesigned to maximize students' time for the observation and interpretation of physical phenomena, by integrating microcomputer based laboratory systems to collect and analyze the data.

"In the traditional lab there was only time for the actual experiment. Students had to take the data home for analysis, leaving many without a full understanding of its importance until the next class," said Fred Tomblin, project director of the Freshman Physics Laboratory. "The new equipment allows students to do all the work in the lab, get results quickly, and experience and understand the physics of the situation more deeply."

The lab now includes: twenty 486 computers; laser printers; magnetic field sensors; light and sound sensors; motion sensors; electrostatic potential probes; digital volt meters; air tracks; oscillators; photo gates; and interface boards. The new lab also features a state-of-the-art software program called Multi-Purpose Laboratory Interface (MPLI) for Windows. The software allows data from the various sensors to be transferred in "real time" directly to the computer where it can be manipulated and analyzed in graph and spreadsheet form. NJIT's physics department served as a beta test site for the MPLI software.

According to Tomblin, visualization is key to helping students grasp physics concepts. "They can watch energy build in a capacitor as it charges or witness what acceleration looks like when a person moves back and forth in front of a motion sensor by watching a graph of the event evolve on the computer screen as the experiment takes place," Tomblin said.

Film commission internships

NEWARK—The Educational Advisory Board of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission is offering internships to students enrolled in film, television and communications degree programs. These internships are available for the Fall 1995/Spring 1996 school year and are open to students presently enrolled in New Jersey colleges and universities.

During a full semester internship in the office of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, students are provided with an extensive background in pre-production coordination of a motion picture. They become involved in the scouting of film locations and the preparation of research material for presentation to production companies. Students are also afforded the opportunity to visit the sets of features and television shows being made in the state.

Interns are unpaid, however, college credits can be arranged through a student's faculty advisor. Interested students may request further information by writing or calling the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, P.O. Box 47023, Newark, NJ, 07101, 201-645-6279.

Ralph Johnson awarded \$4,000

ATLANTA—Ralph Johnson, a senior at Central High School in Newark, will be starting college in the Fall with an award from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Ralph has been selected as a 1995 Coca-Cola Scholar and will receive a four-year \$4,000 scholarship to study at any accredited college or university in the United States.

This month he joined 149 other high school seniors in the Coca-Cola Scholars National Competition in Atlanta, Ga. for interviews with leaders in education, business, government and law.

Coca-Cola Scholars are evaluated on the basis of leadership in their schools and communities, academic achievements and

motivation to succeed.

"Coca-Cola Scholars are more than academic achievers; they have a proven commitment to community service," said Crawford T. Johnson, III, chairman of the Board and president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "The scholars average eight hours of community service activity a week. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation annually awards 50 four-year \$20,000 scholarships and 100 four-year \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors nationwide."

The 1994 Coca-Cola Scholars were chosen from more than 120,000 applicants across the country. The Foundation now supports more than 1,000 students with annual scholarship outlays of \$1.4 million.



Ralph Johnson, senior at Central High School in Newark

One Hundred Black Men announces scholarship winners

SUMMIT—One Hundred Black of NJ will be hosting a scholarship award dinner to name this year's recipients on Sunday, June 2. Each year the organization grants scholarship funds from the Mamie Truesdale Scholarship Fund to deserving children. The

year's recipients are Silas Charles and Kevin White of East Orange high school; Jamarr Delaney of Science High; William Freeman and Jerod Motley of Arts High School; Joseph Horton of Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden; Tamaque Oatman of

Plainfield High School; Ernaud LeBrun of Elizabeth High School; Leslie Robinson of Dover High School; Selim Zah and Jas Tucker of Malcolm X Shabazz High School; David Smith of Orange High School and Joelyn Kellerman of Montclair High School.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

WEST ORANGE—First annual Essex County elected-officials prayer breakfast at The African Country Club at 7:30 a.m. For more info call Irvington Mayor's Office 201-959-8111 or Rev. Steven Davis 201-926-9375.

AUGUST 10 - 12

CRANFORD—"Jesus Christ Super Star" a play at First Presbyterian Church. For more info call 908-351-7292.

HEALTH CALENDAR

ATTENTION DONORS:

PLAINFIELD—Aphareis Donations, collection of specific components of blood, at Mountbarn Regional Medical Center. For more info call 1-800-286-2566.

ATTENTION—Planned Parenthood has free pamphlets on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. For more info call 201-489-1265.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

FREEHOLD—Healing Childhood Trauma program at the Carter Foundation from 6:45 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-281-1591.

JUNE 2, 3

WAYNE—Walkers and runners needed for "American Cancer Society's Relay for Life: A Team Event to Fight Breast Cancer" at William Paterson College. For more info call 201-736-7770.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

NEW YORK—Second "Primary Hyperparathyroidism Patient Education" meeting at Columbia Presbyterian East Center. For more info call 212-229-1562.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

WESTFIELD—Support group for people caring for the elderly or chronically ill relatives in the parish center of St. Helen's Church at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-233-8757.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

MILLBURN—"We The Victors—A Celebration of Cancer Survivorship" at the Cancer Care Inc. For more info call 201-378-7500.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

WEST ORANGE—Fifth Annual spinal cord injury retreat, "Making the Most of Your Healthcare Dollars" at the Kessler Institute from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info call 1-800-248-3221, ext. 2272.

NFBP helps substance abusers get perinatal care

NEWARK—The Newark Fighting Back Partnership (NFBP) and the Community United for the Rehabilitation of the Addicted (CURA) have launched a comprehensive program of pre- and postnatal care for substance-abusing, pregnant women with the aim of reducing Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, drug-related infant death and birth defects.

NFBP, a substance abuse prevention agency, was founded in 1992 to create in Newark, community initiatives to reduce the demand for illegal drugs and alcohol. CURA was established in 1973 for the treatment of Spanish-speaking individuals who are addicted to drugs and alcohol.

The two groups came together, according to NFBP Board Co-chairperson the Rev. Edward Smart of the Israel Memorial AME Church, in recognition of Newark's extremely high infant mortality rates and high percentage of babies born with drug addiction.

"CURA's excellent reputation as a drug treatment agency and Newark Fighting Back Partnership's mandate to work with existing community based organizations to combat substance abuse, will allow us to coordinate efforts toward reducing this most devastating problem," commented Smart.

Announcement of the cooperative effort was made from CURA's Health Clinic which is staffed by nurses and physicians who provide out-patient physical examinations and laboratory work-ups for current or recovered substance abusers.

Describing the program Oswaldo Fierro, CURA's executive director said, "We are extremely pleased to join efforts with Fighting Back to improve the health of both the mother and babies whose lives are dependent upon a program of this nature. Through our listing clinic and community outreach efforts we already have the structure for the program in place. This partnership will enable us to focus our efforts upon a segment of

the drug addicted population we have been unable to serve in the past."

Governor Christine Todd Whitman, who joined local officials at the clinic for the announcement said, "The dimensions of the problem of substance abuse are so complex that those working in the treatment and prevention field must often wonder where to begin to apply their vitally needed services. I cannot think of a better place to start than this program, which CURA and NFBP have chosen to concentrate their efforts."

"The program is based on the very crucial objective to reach women in the early stages of pregnancy to educate them as to the perils of substance abuse to their own health as well as that of the babies they are carrying. I salute NFBP and CURA for this partnership which gives children the gift that they are most deserving of—that is a healthy start," she concluded.

The agreement between the agencies calls for the establishment of a perinatal program with the following objectives:

To lower the rate of drug exposed infants in NFBP's target area which is the Central Ward and parts of the North Ward; to contain and/or lower the rate of HIV sex positive births and pregnancies by consistent and better education of all pregnant women; to test 100 percent of the females for HIV, TB and Hepatitis; to reduce drug use, particularly opiate and cocaine use and abuse; to ensure that 100 percent of pregnant patients receive treatment, comprehensive prenatal, post-part and pediatric care to improve birth weight and general health and welfare of the newborn infants and to other young children in the family. Additionally, a program priority is to become Health Status Certified.

Pamela Miller, vice president of Strategic Planning and Service Quality for Blue Cross/Blue Shield is

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Protecting our babies



Pictured from left to right are: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; Mrs. Curly Edwards, a parent at the Center; Dr. Henry Foster; Maria Gomez, Executive Director of Mary's Center; and Secretary Donna E. Shalala. Official HHS photo by Chris Smith.

WASHINGTON—Dr. Henry Foster, nominee for U.S. Surgeon General, joined first Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala on a visit to Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care in

the nation's capital to raise awareness about the importance of children needing at least 11 vaccinations shots before their second birthday.

In the African-American community, almost 40 percent of two-

year-olds are not fully immunized. President Clinton's Childhood Immunization Initiative, which is coordinated by the Department of Health and Human Services, gives free vaccinations shots to children of parents with low-income.

Newark gears up for summer lunch program

NEWARK—The Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is again preparing to participate in the "SunUp Food Program," which provides free summer lunches to youth in Newark and across America.

Operated through the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Newark "SunUp" initiative expects to serve 4,000 meals per day during the summer months.

According to HHS/SuNUp organizers, the program begins July 5 and runs through September at over 200 city-wide locations in Newark. Officials said there is still time for interested community organizations, churches, civic associations and various other agencies to register to be a SuNUp site this summer.

Elizabeth F. Rainey, project director of the Nutrition Programs/SuNUp Food Program, said, "The program is important in the city's

efforts to help maintain our youngsters' good health and nutrition, all year round."

The initiative provides all children 18 years of age and under with the same free meal in accordance with a menu approved by the federal agency regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age, Rainey pointed out. For more information, please contact the HHS/SuNUp office, 110 William Street 201-733-7608.

Small business

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New Jersey's universities and training facilities, usually including full tuition and living allowances. Representatives from twenty-one New Jersey firms participated. Byrne reported that USAID is opening opportunities not only in Europe but in the Caribbean countries as well.

"We thought that small businesses here in Newark could benefit from the knowledge of AID," said Louis Prezeau, president of City National Bank, who along with Regional Business Partnership sponsored the event.

Prezeau stated that since Congressman Donald Payne was involved with AID, the Partnership felt that it wanted to support the initiative and give the small businesses a chance to know about AID's opportunities.

"I'm personally interested in seeing if we can develop some relationship with what we do not present too much risk for City National Bank, our community is first here, so whatever is overseas with our customers if we can provide loans or anything we will try to do it," said Prezeau.

Congressman Payne said that he believed there is a great potential for international trade among New Jersey's businesses, especially African American-owned businesses and African and Caribbean countries.

"I have always understood the importance of the U.S. assisting the foreign community, especially in Africa. I think it's smart because there is a great potential for that continent to get on its feet with all the mineral resources that it has—the oil, gold, copper, tin, uranium, diamonds, everything that the developed world needs is there—so if we give the African countries an opportunity to explore their own resources then they are going to become a trading partner with the U.S. and that helps our nation to create jobs."

The congressman indicated that his particular interest in African Americans becoming involved in international development and trade was because that was the way to go. —African Americans need today to link up with developing countries in Africa and the Caribbean because we have services and products that we can supply them if we can get the links of credit and all that we need to do it."

According to Prezeau there seems to be some fairly decent op-

portunities for Newark business in international trade.

"They are doing things in Haiti and Africa now, we have a lot of African Americans here and I think that sometimes we lack the knowledge and information about programs that can be of great benefit to us. That is why I appreciate that the congressman gave us the opportunity to know what's going on, and maybe some of the businesses can benefit. It's easier said than done, but I think that if you are better informed you may have a better chance to do business."

"I see the future of African Americans and our economic strength being the potential of having trade with African countries and countries in the Caribbean. As a result, we can then become as a community and as a people much stronger and less dependent on the majority structure in this country. We can be able to create our own plants and banks by using our international connections."

The congressman stated that this new relationship is viable because African Americans will receive a lot of acceptance from African countries, even though it wasn't so in the past.

"We are hoping to develop an acceptance with Africa. It hasn't been that way in the past because they (Africans) felt they had to deal with the colonial power of people telling them 'you have to deal with majority people, they are the ones who can get things done.'"

"We are changing that notion in Africa and they are seeing now that they can deal with African Americans... so I think it's just good business for America and for our communities."

Through its Center for Trade and Investment Services, USAID will consult clients on programs and investment and trade opportunities in the developing world which can be of benefit to New Jersey's small businesses.

"We need to strengthen these African countries so that we can go in and capture their markets. More than the Japanese who are over there now trying to do it. I think they would prefer to do business with the U.S. because African Americans have more trust than other places but we have to get in there and do it. The link between the Caribbean, African and the African-American community could be tremendous, and that is what we are for the future."

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VCR ALERT—Actor Richard Crenna narrates the four-hour TBS original program "Driving Passion" at 6:05 p.m. "Driving Passion" chronicles American/Es 100-year love affair with the automobile.

NEW YORK—Wynton Marsalis benefit concert at Lincoln Center. For more info call 718-652-7171.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

EAST ORANGE—Jazz artist Jeanie Bryson, daughter of Dizzy Gillespie, at L'Auberge Restaurant at 9 and 10:15 p.m. For more info call 908-412-8425.

PHILADELPHIA—Benefit concert to go to The Children of Oklahoma Fund at the Theater of the Living Arts, 334 South St. at 8 p.m. For more info call 215-246-3302.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

NEW YORK—Michelle Wilson at R&B House Party. There's live music, free west coast dance lessons. Doors open at 8:45 p.m. For more info call 212-533-0452.

WATCHING—"Big Band" at the Watching Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

WOODBRIDGE—Jazz and blues lawn concert at Barron Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-634-0413.

JUNE 2, 3

PISCATAWAY—"The Final Word: The Hall-Mills Murders" at the Circle Playhouse at 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-968-7255.

JUNE 2-4

NEW YORK—Panama Hispanic Arts Festival (Sireel Fair) at South Street Seaport. Performances times vary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

NEW YORK—Doo-Wop concert to benefit African-American adoption fund at St. Peter's Church at 7 p.m. For more info call 212-369-0300.

NEHARK—Annual Ed Koch Memorial Showcases at Symphony Hall at 1 p.m. For more info call 201-596-0087.

HACKENSACK—Channie Theater Company is staging "Grandetta's House," written by Gail Wynn Huland El of East Orange for the Costen-Beamon Family Reunion Committee, on Saturday, June 10, at the Fellowship Hall of Varick Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 120 Atlantic Street, Hackensack, at 7:30 p.m.

The first performance of "Grandetta's House" was held there last April for Varick's Senior Usher Board. Since then, some changes have been made; so those who have already seen it, as well as those who missed it before, will have an enjoy-

able evening of entertainment.

"Grandetta's House" centers around an elderly woman named Etta who owns a boarding house. Her young boarders and the children in the neighborhood call her "Grandetta" because they think of her as a grandmother figure. Etta is visited by her two life-long friends, Nell and Vera, who are both eager to tell her the latest gossip.

Flirtatious Nell feels she can still get a man any time she pleases even though she is, as Etta describes, "older than time." Nell is jealous of Vera's friendship with Etta and doesn't appreciate Vera's presence at Etta's house.

Etta's three young boarders look to her for guidance and advice. Toni is a single mother who's trying to juggle parenting with school and a job. Raymond is a young man who does not think finding a job should be a priority in life. Michael, who was once as "trifling" as Raymond, is a young executive climbing the ladder of success because of Grandetta's encouragement. An upcoming performance is scheduled for the YWCA of Paterson at Passaic County Community College in Paterson at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 24.

For tickets and further information, call 201-343-3382 or 471-6288 or 675-5978.



Playwright Gail Wynn Huland El (center) surrounded by some of the Chanie Theater Company members. Photo by Lloyd G. Holmes

The sky's the limit for Faison



Donald Faison

NEHARK—Donald Adeosun Faison, known as "Shun" to his friends and family, was born on June 22, 1974. Destined to perform, he sang before he talked and rode his stroller as if it were a chariot.

Donald attended the Children's School for the Development of Intuitive and God Conscious Art, a school developed by the National Black Theater where his parents worked. At age six, he helped write and acted in a play entitled "When the Lion Roars," which was well-received in New York, Seattle and Los Angeles.

Donald attended private school most of his life except for three years at IS 44 in New York City. It was there that he met Josephine Morris, a dedicated music teacher. He became a solo performer with the world-renowned IS 44 Choir, and did a solo performance for PBS with Bobby McFerrin. He also participated in a Space Bridge with Marlo Thomas that resulted in the ABC Special "Free to be a Family." The week the program aired, Donald was chosen to appear with Marlo Thomas on the cover of TV Guide.

As a kid, Donald liked to make home movies with his friends. His favorite was his rendition of Star

Wars where he played Lando Calrissian. It was from this that he decided that he wanted to be a professional performer. He enlisted the aid of one of his friends' parents to take his picture and with that in hand, went on his own to find an agent.

At his first audition, he booked a national network commercial for "Oatmeal Raisin Crisp." Since then, Donald has done many commercials,

including the award-winning Folgers Coffee "Marine."

Donald played Al in the television pilot City High, Earl Phillips in Conan the Librarian and had a recurring role on Sesame Street as Duane.

In the theater, he won Audelco's Rising Star Award for his work in Liz Swados production of "Red Sneaks." He recently completed the Manhattan Theater Center production of Liz Swados musical adaptation of Prince and the Pauper, as the pauper.

Socially conscious, Donald is a member of City Kids Repertory Company. He co-wrote "What You Gonna Do About Hate" with Malik Yoba, of the FOX television series New York Undercover.

His goal is to cultivate a successful film career. Donald was most recently seen as Kymie in the feature film, Sugar Hill. He plays the role of Tiny Tim in the film New Jersey Drive, and as Murray in the upcoming Paramount film, Clueless. He is currently filming the role of Tank in "Waiting to Exhale."

The Ohio Players set to get funky at Club Bene

SAYERVILLE—The Cleveland based R&B outfit, The Ohio Players, will be appearing in concert at Club Bene Dinner Theatre on Saturday, June 3.

The Ohio Player are remembered for hits like "Fire" and "Love Roller coaster." The group consists of original members James "Dia-

mond" Williams, Leroy "Sugarfoot" Bonner, Chet Williams and new comers Ronald Hooks, Darwin Dorich, Keith Harrison and Robert "Kumba's" Jones. Club Bene is located on Rt. 35, with an optional dinner at 9 p.m. For more information call 908-727-3000.

Sunday afternoon lyceum at Bethany Baptist Church



Richard Alston

NEHARK—A classical pianist Richard Alston will perform in concert as part of the Sunday Afternoon musical concerts.

On Sunday, June 11 "Composers of African Descent" featuring black composers from the 18th, 19th, and 20th Centuries will thrill the audience with the traditional "Adagio in F for Piano" by Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier De Saint Georges; rags by Joplin; R. Nathaniel Dett's "In the Bottoms" piano suite which gives pictures peculiar to Negro life in the river bottoms of the South; and selected spirituals.

The event will take place at Bethany Baptist Church, 275 West Market St. at 4 p.m. There will be an Afternoon Tea at 2:30 p.m. For more info call 201-623-8161.

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IAAAM honors The Whispers

PHILADELPHIA—The International Association of African-American Music (IAAAM) honors the legendary Whispers at this year's 5th Annual Awards for Excellence Gala on Saturday, June 3 at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel.

Eddie, Sean and Gerald Levert will perform a medley of the Whispers' musical hits. The Whispers' current album Toast To The Ladies on Capitol Records is their twentieth recording album to date.

The group was originally formed in the mid-sixties when twins Walter and Wallace "Scotty" Scott, Nicholas Caldwell, Marcus Hutson and Gordy Harmon first got together in the Watts area of Los Angeles.

IAAAM is hosting its fifth annual celebration during African-American Music Month. Some of this year's honorees include: Grammy Award winning producer Narada Michael Walden; Multi-platinum hip-hop producer Marley Marl;

renowned operatic mezzo soprano Florence Quivier; Grammy Award winning jazz saxophonist Grover Washington Jr.; Grammy Award winning blues guitarist Buddy Guy; award winning gospel great the Rev. John P. Kee; and country western legend DeFord Bailey. In the past, IAAAM has honored Stevie Wonder, Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, Teddy Pendergrass, Chaka Khan, Salt N' Pepa, Shirley Caesar and many others.

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NEW YORK—Marketing and Business Expo '95 at the Sheraton NY Hotel & Towers, 811 Seventh Ave., at 53rd St.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

NEWARK—Growing Your Business Through Strategic Networking from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-527-2946.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

NEWARK—Saturday Seminar for Minority Entrepreneurs featuring Senator Wynona Lipman from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-692-2007.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

SOMERVILLE—Somerset Chapter of Seniors Twenty-Third Annual Golf Outing at the Raritan Valley Country Club at 11 a.m. For more info call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

NEWARK—ASDO Workshop for Tri-Country Vendors from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more info call 201-961-4278.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

NEWARK—Saturday Seminar for Minority Entrepreneurs from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Essex County College.

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NEW YORK—Retail Financial and Insurance Services Database Marketing Summit at The World Trade Institute. For more info call 212-388-0050.

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Who will save the black race?

by William Reed

There is no question that discrimination exists day-to-day in American life. But, the bottom-line question for African Americans is this: "Exactly who is discriminating against them?" If you think that white people "discriminate," which by the way, means, "to make a distinction as in favor of or against a person or thing, such as on the basis of race," then the other end of the question is "How do you characterize the actions of African Americans in favor of other groups and against those of their race?" When it comes to making jobs available, statistics show that white people do, in fact, discriminate against us and normally make a distinction in favor of their own kind, and kin, for employment.

On the other hand, when it comes to the traditional way of making jobs available by having a dependable, and growing, number of African-American consumers patronize a product, or service, business, if it is owned by blacks, they will go to take their dollars elsewhere. If blacks don't discriminate against other blacks who are in business, why is it then that 94

cents out of every dollar that African Americans get, they spend it outside the black community?

African Americans can be a powerful, proud and potent group. We are descendants of kings and queens, but when it comes to getting a lawyer, accountant, auto repairs, or even a bottle of liquor, we go away from ourselves, and kind, to spend our money and our capitalistic opportunity.

Only when we collectively come together and come out of the darkness of separatism and see the light of togetherness and respect each other and practice ethnic loyalty and racial pride, will we again be the most powerful ethnic group on the earth.

But, to date, blacks are the "victims" of the discrimination and conquest of the world's European population. With the current mind-set of African Americans, and the rest of the world's Africans, what is white is absolutely "right" and what is black should definitely stay back!

What even the most "integrationist" minded of us needs to recognize is that the only assistance upwards that African Americans are going to get in this life will have to come from us to each other. What the

majority of us must realize is that our salvation is not going to come to us from outside.

"It is to be, it will have to be up to you and me." The basic economic concern of most people today is to be able to at least maintain their standard of living and see their income grow with the cost of living. In today's world of increased economic uncertainty, blacks are faced with mounting social problems and begin neglect from the larger society.

We all need more personal and group growth. In order to gain more assets within our communities, we need to communicate more with one another individually and group-wise with ideas and objectives to overcome our common obstacles, such as the white man's discrimination. For example, although we each complain about life's lemons, how often, and on a regular basis, do we have neighborhood and racial group meetings to vent and address our common problems and objectives?

Black newspapers have always been a staunch and valuable asset to our common objectives. As a whole, African Americans should, and must, read and support our black newspapers and their advertisers. In contrast

to most of our individual actions, these advertisers are investing in our mediums and causes. Black newspapers print news and issues for and about us. Black newspapers print news of the community that African Americans cannot get anywhere else.

How many times have you seen, or heard, a black-oriented message saying that "We should love one another"? It should be added that we should respect each other and display common courtesy for one another. An old Hollywood jokester Crochro Marx as having said, "What kind of country club could this be if it has me for a member?"

Currently, homicide and robbery statistics for our communities show that many blacks, alarmingly many of them young, disrespect each other even to the point that a black person's life has less value than a Pathfinder, designer jacket or boom box. Respect is more practical and prudent. Each of us should always display ethnic loyalty and pride, because when this occurs, other people and other ethnic groups will show more respect for us.

Although there is a sparseness in ownership of African-American businesses, we still can create employ-

ment for our people. If we each turned over a dollar two more times within our communities, collectively we would increase employment opportunities for blacks by 50 percent.

When we patronize business establishments such as auto dealerships, real estate firms, insurance companies and other purveyors of consumer products and services, if it is not black-owned, we should politely ask if there is an African-American salesperson that you can speak to. This telegraphs African-American loyalty and pride and helps to create a broader cash flow among us and additional employment opportunities for other African Americans.

If we are looking for assistance from African Americans, then let each of us speak, display, manifest, and practice African-American ethnic loyalty and pride everyday. When we each understand that we each have responsibility for ourselves and our own actions, then we will understand that our present situation can be traced to choices we, not white people, made in the past. Then there will be measurable results on what we can do even if, per chance, white people really don't like us.

The do's and dont's of retirement planning

by Michael D. McAfee

Funding a comfortable retirement is no easy task. It takes time, patience and sound investment advice. There are, however, steps you can take or not take that your retirement planning process run more smoothly.

Do:
* Determine your short, intermediate and long-term goals early. Your future starts now.

* Let professional advisors assist you. Retirement planning is not a do-it-yourself project. Seek the help of investment professionals to help you formulate and monitor your portfolio and provide you with ongoing ideas and information.

* Review your holdings regularly. The investment environment is never static and you need to be able to adjust your portfolio to accommodate market changes that could affect your investments' performance.

* Keep accurate, organized records. Besides being a great help at tax time, organized receipts, canceled checks and brokerage statements make regular portfolio reviews easy.

* Take advantage of 401(k) and other employee-sponsored savings plans. Every dollar you invest through payroll deductions reduces your taxable income by a dollar.

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Seattle publisher raises \$15,000 for Oklahoma City relief fund

OKLAHOMA CITY—Pictured are

Leslie Swain, editor/publisher of the Oklahoma City *Ebony Tribune Newspaper*, presenting a check on behalf of Chris Bennett Enterprises Charity of Seattle, to ministers of the Oklahoma City Christian Relief Fund. In photo from left: Rev. Dr. W. K. Jackson, pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church; the Rev. Dr. J. A. Reed, Jr., pastor, Fairview Baptist Church and president of Concerned Clergy for Spiritual Renewal; Dr. Clyde C. Carroll, Baptist Minister; financial secretary; and the Rev. Dr. Major L. Jemison, co-pastor, St. John Baptist Church and 2nd vice president of the National Progressive Baptists Association. The Oklahoma City ministers also received letters from elementary students at Seattle's St. Theresa School to be presented to the children and their families of the



nation's worst terrorist act.

Chris Bennett Enterprises Charity, through a community radiothon, raised over \$15,000 to assist Oklahoma City's African-American community in the tragic bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building April 19. Many African-American mothers and children—lost their lives in the tragedy. Over 570,000

has been raised in the Oklahoma City relief efforts. Chris Bennett is publisher of *The Seattle Medium*, *Seattle Metro Homeletter*, *Tacoma True Citizen Newspaper*, *The Portland Medium Newspaper* and *Soul Town Review News Magazine*. Bennett also owns radio stations KRIZ in Seattle, Washington, KZZZ in Tacoma, Washington and KMBS in Portland, Oregon.

Health

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people, when it stated, "AIDS is decimating the African continent, and

now, with Ebola, the population is going to thin out even more. And for

those people who manage to withstand the onslaught of viral diseases, they may emerge unscathed only to be faced with civil wars which are also threatening a significant portion of the rest of the continent."

In attendance at the Summit's HIV/AIDS workshop was Dr. Earl Glenn, publisher of *Decatur's (GA) Champion* newspaper and a dentist. Dr. Glenn stressed the need for greater media participation in getting the word out about the disease and the preventive measures necessary to control its spread.

Participants in the workshop pointed out, however, that while literacy is a major problem in many places in Africa and newspapers and magazines might not be as helpful as necessary in "getting the message out," a greater usage of radio and television should help in the education process of getting Africans to use condoms in their sexual activities. Workshops participants also encouraged government officials to have more government sponsored programs in the distribution of condoms.

This version of the Ebola virus outbreak started in a hospital. While there are attempts to keep it contained in the Kikwit area, the number of cases has quadrupled every 10 to 12 days, according to the WHO. There have been two other outbreaks of the Ebola virus in Central Africa in the past two decades. The Ebola virus is said to be transmitted in a similar manner as the AIDS virus in that they are both found in bodily fluids. But, doctors really don't know how the bodily fluids get into the blood of the victims and where it came from.

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Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick up at the main office of the PHA at the said address. Telephone: (908) 753-3127.

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and submission of proposals may be obtained by contacting the administrative offices of the Berkeley Township Housing Authority Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., telephone: (908) 299-2312, or by writing to the Housing Authority's offices located at 44 Frederick Drive, Bayville, New Jersey 07021.

RICHARD C. AIELLO, PHM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 05/31/95 FEE: \$37.70

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those pertaining to Affirmative Action. Equal Opportunity, Non-discrimination, and Security Bids must also comply with NJ Statutes 40A:1-1 through 40A:1-11.

Specifications for these items are available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority during office hours from 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Passaic.

Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the total bid. At the option of the bidder, the guaranty may be in the form of a cash, or U.S. Government Bond (all current date market value) or a bid bond secured by Guaranty or Assuranc Company. Performance and Completion Bonds will be required of the successful bidder.

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration of an award.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON
FELIX RAYMOND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 05/24/95 FEE: \$107.90

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and those with the selected contractor. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project.

The company that is awarded the work shall execute an AIA contract and shall be bound by the terms and conditions on the attached plan and specifications and the project description.

Arrangements can be made to examine the site by contacting the owner at 808-029-0203.

READ THE BIDDING CAREFULLY
HERBERT B. SOUTHERN, A.I.A.
 05/24/95 FEE: \$70.20

INVITATION FOR BIDS
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
 The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following materials:

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News

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COALITION LINES UP AGAINST RAP MUSIC

An unusual coalition of white conservatives and black feminists joined forces last week to attack the Time Warner Corporation for promoting rap music. Bill Bennett of the conservative group Empower America and C. Delores Tucker of the National Political Caucus of Black Women held a joint news conference to denounce rap and other types of music, which they say glorify violence and mistreatment of women. Tucker declared, "We're here to tell Time Warner to stop it, and if they don't, we will do whatever actions necessary to make them do it." Tucker has been leading a crusade against rap music for some time but has failed to draw significant support from black groups who distrust her association with Republican and conservative groups.—NEW YORK, NY

PROSECUTORS GET MORE POWER TO DENY BLACK JURORS

The U.S. Supreme Court has made it easier for prosecutors to prevent blacks and other minorities from sitting on juries. In a 7-2 ruling, the high court justices held that a prosecutor does not have to give "persuasive or even plausible reasons"

for rejecting black jurors. The case involved a Missouri man who tried to get his robbery conviction reversed because prosecutors deliberately excluded blacks from the jury. Black defendants have frequently charged that government prosecutors prefer white jurors in order to increase the chances of getting a conviction. If that allegation is true, the Supreme Court decision now makes the process easier.—WASHINGTON, DC

WALL STREET LOWERS HOWARD UNIVERSITY'S BOND RATING

Moodys Investors Service Inc. has lowered the bond rating of one of the nation's most prestigious historically black universities, Howard University, from A1 to A. The move, based on \$84 million of debt, means that Howard, which just hired a new president, will find it more expensive to borrow money. The action was taken primarily because of "excessive" losses at Howard University Hospital, which has lost \$12 million in the first three quarters of this fiscal year and concerns that the D.C. government, which is itself facing bankruptcy, will cut or slow Medicaid payments to the hospital. Federal appropriations to Howard account for 55 percent of its non-hospital budget.—WASHINGTON, DC

Health

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The consensus among health care professionals at the Summit was that governments and health officials have to immediately implement programs in order for Africans to understand HIV/AIDS and how to prevent its spread. The Ebola cases were labeled by participants as "scary stuff." But, canvassing of participants also revealed that it is HIV/AIDS or Ebola, combating either, or both, requires money something most Africans are short on and America is not willing to give, unless, that is, it comes directly from African Americans.

Rita

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abandoned from the slave quarters, however as with Oedipus, as an adult returns to his homeland as the plot thickens.

"I'd always been disturbed by Oedipus—why is it interesting—always just seemed like the perfect parallel to do a play as Oedipus, where you know the outcome, yet it's still interesting. The Darker Face of the Earth explores the darker side of things we do to one another," said Dove.

"There was so little chance of changing the course of one's life if one were a slave. Rarely in our histo-

Drugs

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New Jersey, who serves as NFBP board co-chairperson said, "We are indeed fortunate to have with an excellent health care network to assist us with this program. When fully operational this program will provide on-site comprehensive, coordinated drug and alcohol treatment and perinatal care services for a target population of 40 women each year."

The agreement includes a collaboration with a local hospital, which will assign an obstetrician/gynecologist, registered nurse, case worker and social worker to work at the clinic. It will also include detoxification services as well as criteria for high-risk intervention and procedures for referral and follow-up," Miller said.

In addition to medical services, CURA also provides a residential treatment campus in Secaucus, long and short term programs, youth educational, vocational, recreational and referral services. Although traditionally oriented to the Spanish-speaking community, the program jointly administered will be available to any resident of the target neighborhood.

NFBP is also involved in several other program areas such as referral to treatment programs, creating an interfaith clergy initiative to enlist in anti-substance abuse activities, training residential tenants and managers to improve security in their buildings, operating a community store front location for neighborhood outreach, and co-sponsoring summer day care and teen entrepreneurial programs.

Crime

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gang warfare and killings (10 in one block in three months) in the summer months. In the winter, fall and spring, the police, the truant officers, the teachers and parents reduced juvenile violence by 90 percent. Hard to believe? Check it out! Look up the record of truancy law enforcement in your town, or write the Charleston, South Carolina Police Chief Charles Austin.

Then there was the Chief of Staff of the Broward County Sheriff's Office, Henry Templeton. His Topic: "Gang Violence: More Than Law Enforcement." His team made a presentation that was "out of sight! Fantastic!" as my kids used to say. As I watched the films of the Boot Campers' discipline and morale and self-esteem developing, I thought back to the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps (CCC) of my day.

It worked. Graduates of CCC Boot Camps became congressmen, community leaders, business tycoons, religious pioneers, nurses, soldiers, teachers, union leaders and hard-working, tax-paying, Bible-reading citizens who played by the rules. Hard to believe? Check it out! Look up the records of CCC alumni in your town.

There was much more that was great about the 10th Annual Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community. But I must share with you the presentation of the Urban League's T. Willard Fair, the 1995 Protestant of the Year Awardee of the

National Conference of Christians and Jews. He focused on the morality dimension of the problem. He focused on the home and took us back to the days when if you did wrong, you knew it was wrong and your parents told you that you would do right or they would personally "kill" you.

He quoted that old saying, "I brought you into this world and I can take you out!" He said we must have seven "R's": redesign the criminal justice system

redirect and refocus federal and local resources

retrain our entire community and institutions

reconnect with God, faith, hope and the 10 Commandments

regeneration, creating, conserving and expanding housing stock and developing caring and sharing neighborhoods.

His urban league is making Miami's Liberty City a demonstration project zone to put the seven "R's" to the test.

Those who want a copy of the conference proceedings should write the office of U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. In a prepared statement delivered by a representative Janet Reno stated, "This juvenile crime crisis is a crisis bigger than Democrats and Republicans, bigger than liberals and conservatives, communists and capitalists."

Crime and especially juvenile crime can destroy the order and beauty of the human family, the human-

itarian society and the Judeo-Christian culture. The black-on-black crime is making certain that 80 percent of the prisoners in jails are black and 70 percent of the funerals from gun killings are young blacks.

It has got to stop! We have got to come together in spite of our differences to pray together and stay together until we turn this crisis into an opportunity to build a better tomorrow for the next generation and a better today for this one.

Cold-hearted

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a cost of doing business for the utilities.

The American people don't want budget cuts made at the expense of neighbors who could suffer from hypothermia, respiratory problems, malnutrition or shame because they cannot afford to warm or cool their homes during extreme weather, a situation usually caused by a financial crisis.

Congress should restore level funding for LIHEAP. Freezing out people in need is neither good public policy nor a "good neighbor" philosophy.

(Baly is president and CEO of the American Gas Association).

manance each night including Robert Alexander's *Servant of the People*, *The Rise and Fall of Huey P. Newton* and *The Black Panther Party* on June 3 at 8 p.m. This play, as its author puts it, is "an attempt to demystify the iconoclast Newton became when distorted by the media."

The Genesis festival is a chance for writers to unveil their raw works and a chance for the audience to respond in an effort to help the authors further develop their work. For more information call Crossroads at 908-249-5560.

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